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To whom it may concern:

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NSF’s standards development procedures currently meet ANSI’s essential requirements for openness, balance, consensus and due process. ANSI's procedures also include section 3.2 Commercial terms and conditions, which applies to all American National Standards. We have found that NSF International consistently adheres to the requirements and procedures that govern the American National Standards development process. As a result, NSF International’s standards development division has effectively maintained its status as an ANSI-accredited Standards Developer and holds the special status of ANSI Audited Designator.

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Due process is the key to ensuring that American National Standards are developed in an environment that is equitable, accessible and responsive to the requirements of various stakeholders. The open and fair American National Standards process ensures that all interested and affected parties have an opportunity to participate in the development of a standard. This process also serves and protects the public interest since standards developers accredited by ANSI must meet the Institute's essential requirements and other due process safeguards.

Sincerely,

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